

Senate Resolution 102 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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1 A Resolution to address the stigma around the term
2 mental health by recognizing the term brain health.
3 WHEREAS, the brain is an organ susceptible to
4 disease and disorder; and
5 WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy brain is critical to
6 the well-being of every Iowan; and
7 WHEREAS, with preventative measures and early
8 treatment, Iowans with brain health issues are better
9 able to mitigate the impact of brain disease and brain
10 illness; and
11 WHEREAS, awareness and education are necessary
12 to end the stigma surrounding mental illness and to
13 encourage Iowans to take more preventative measures and
14 to seek early treatment for brain health issues; NOW
15 THEREFORE,
16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
17 finds that the term "brain health" means all aspects
18 of the brain impacted by biological and physical
19 characteristics of the brain which may impact mood and
20 behavior; and
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognizes
22 the term brain health as a term mental health
23 providers, caretakers, and every Iowan may use

1 synonymously with the terms mental health, mental
2 illness, and behavioral health in order to encourage
3 Iowans to seek brain health services in an environment
4 free of stigma; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledges
6 that its recognition of the term brain health does not
7 replace the terms mental health or mental illness.